

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification as follows:

At page 1, line 5, under "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", please insert

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REFERENCES TO PARENT AND CO-PENDING APPLICATIONS

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This application claims the priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/107,363 entitled "Method for Treating Tumors Using Fas-Induced Apoptosis", filed on November 6, 1998; and PCT Application No. PCT/US99/26221 entitled "A Method of Treating Tumors Using Fas-Induced Apoptosis", filed on November 5, 1999 and published on May 18, 2000, International Publication No. WO 00/27883. The above applications are hereby incorporated by reference.

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IN THE ABSTRACT

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ABSTRACT

Methods and expression vectors are provided for inducing death in cells that express an apoptosis-mediating receptor. The method comprises: introducing an expression vector into a group of cells comprising cells that express an apoptosis-mediating receptor, such as a receptor for Fas or Fas-like ligand. The expression vector comprises a polynucleotide sequence encoding an apoptosis-signaling ligand such as Fas or Fas-like ligand whose expression is regulated by a conditional promoter in the vector. The cells into which the expression vector is introduced express the apoptosis-signaling ligand when conditions are suitable to activate the conditional promoter. The expressed apoptosis-signaling ligand induces cell death in those cells which express the apoptosis-mediating receptor through interaction between the apoptosis-signaling ligand and the apoptosis-mediating receptor. The methods and expression vectors can be used for treating tumors in a controlled and site-specific manner.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-46.

Please add the following new claims.